



## SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS, MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

### ABSENTEE BALLOT RETURN POLICY (Effective January 2006)

The following policy applies to elections in which the Miami-Dade Elections Department manages the return of absentee ballots.

Absentee ballots must be returned as follows:

1. **IN PERSON** - A voter who received an absentee ballot by mail may return his or her own ballot to the Miami-Dade Elections Department at **2700 NW 87<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Doral, FL 33172** or to the Elections Department's Branch Office (located in the Lobby of the Stephen P. Clark Center, **111 NW 1st Street**) no later than 7:00 pm on Election Day.
2. **BY MAIL** - An absentee ballot may be returned by delivery through the United States Postal Service.
3. **BY VOTER'S DESIGNEE** - *(Limited to two ballots per election, only one of which may be from a voter who is not the spouse, parent, child, grandparent or sibling of the designee).* An absentee ballot may be returned by the voter's designee at **2700 NW 87<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Doral, FL 33172** or to the Elections Department's Branch Office (located in the Lobby of the Stephen P. Clark Center, **111 NW 1st Street**), on the day prior to and the day of the election if the person designated by the voter is an immediate family member and only on the day of the election if the designee is not an immediate family member. Picture identification of the designee must be presented along with a written statement from the voter containing the following information:
  - a. Printed name of voter
  - b. Voter's daytime phone number
  - c. Voter's date of birth
  - d. Voter's registration information number (optional)
  - e. Name of person returning the absentee ballot
  - f. If the voter is a member of the designee's immediate family, reason why the voter must have someone else return the absentee ballot
  - g. If the voter is not a member of the designee's immediate family, the designee must also present a statement signed by a physician on that physician's stationery that, due to a medical emergency involving the voter or voter's dependent, the named voter is unable to vote at the polls and is unable to return an absentee ballot in person
  - h. Signature of voter
4. **AT THE POLLS** - A voter who desires to vote in person may return a voted or unvoted absentee ballot to the voter's precinct. The returned ballot will be marked "canceled" by the election board. A voter who desires to vote in person, but **does not** return the ballot to the precinct, may vote only under the following conditions: **(Do not return anyone else's ballot at the polls. Under State Law, this ballot will not be counted.)**
  - a. The election board confirms the voter's absentee ballot has not been received and
  - b. If the election board cannot determine whether the voter's absentee ballot has been received, the voter may vote a provisional ballot.